

# *ASIANetwork Opportunities*

## **United Board For Christian Higher Education in Asia Faculty Leadership Development Scholarships**

Beginning in the second semester of the 2002-2003 academic year, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, with partial support from the Freeman Foundation, will begin a faculty scholarship program that aims to prepare the very best mid-career faculty and administrators in Asia for future leadership in their home institutions. This Faculty Leadership Development Scholarship (FLDS) program will emphasize international exposure both in Asia and in the U.S. This program will favor junior and mid-level faculty. Scholars will be selected for their first-rate academic and teaching excellence as well as their leadership potential.

Visiting scholars will spend one semester in each of two years at a host institution either in the US or in Asia. In 2002-2003, we expect to bring sixteen scholars to U.S. institutions, and another sixteen to other universities in Asia. Each scholar will be fully funded—travel, housing, living stipend—plus provision for a part-time staff coordinator at each host institution and an honorarium for each host

institution faculty mentor.

In each host institution a mentor will assist each scholar to do the following: 1) learn the latest in their field by auditing classes, discussing with their mentors and colleagues, and teaching an occasional class, 2) learn alternative pedagogical styles to enrich their own teaching, and 3) learn about programs, styles of leadership, organizational structure, and educational management.

At the end of the school year, scholars will participate at a meeting in Asia for all the scholars who spent a semester in the U.S. or in Asia that school year. Starting the second year, the possibility of meeting with outgoing scholars will be explored.

In the past many ASIANetwork colleges have accepted the invitation to host visiting United Board scholars for full academic years. If your institution is interested in being considered for this new hosting opportunity, please contact either Richard Wood at [rwood@ubchea.org](mailto:rwood@ubchea.org), or Rita Pullium at [rpullium@ubchea.org](mailto:rpullium@ubchea.org).

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